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### **SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:**

RENTAL 11/25/2017 12/2/2017 Week 47 The Westin Dawn Beach Resort & Spa Westin at Dawn Beach  
Three bedrooms, two bathrooms, living/dining room, balcony, located on the beautiful Dawn Beach. Beautiful swimming pool right on the beach. Renters can get room service from Westin Hotel. Casino and restaurants right on property. Timeshare tax of \$50 will be due at checkout paid by renter. \$1500 OBO Pam 757-868-6001  
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### **SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:**

SALE 11/11/2017 11/18/2017 Week 45 Oyster Bay Beach Resort Fixed one bedroom week. First floor. Overlooking marina near Spinnakers. In unit washer dryer. Many dining options nearby - Busbys, Daniels, Canoa, Big Fish, Infinity, Bodega, and Grocery. Beautiful infinity pool overlooking St Barths. See their website for more information [www.oysterbaybeachresort.com](http://www.oysterbaybeachresort.com) Unit purchased for \$28,000. Reduced now to \$3,999.00 Jim 561-657-3900 [cindeem@carolina.rr.com](mailto:cindeem@carolina.rr.com)

### **Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:**

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### **SECTION 1: Getting There: Flights, Airlines, Airports, Cruises, & Weather**

## 1. Hurricane Activity Likely to Jump by Mid August

Meteorologist Rob Lightbown of Crown Weather said this week:

A Very Busy August In Terms Of Tropical Storm & Hurricane Activity Across The Atlantic, Caribbean & Gulf Of Mexico Is Expected: There are troubling signals in the data that suggest that tropical activity across the Atlantic, Caribbean and Gulf of Mexico could really ramp up as we get into the first and especially the second week of August. In fact, we think that it could be a very busy August in terms of tropical storm and hurricane activity across the Atlantic Basin...

*...What troubles me is that the overall wind shear from the eastern and northeastern Caribbean through the Bahamas into the Gulf of Mexico has been below average and more favorable for development than what is usual for this time of year. Should this continue, we could see favorable to very favorable environmental conditions for tropical development and strengthening in close to the United States, Bahamas and Caribbean Islands during August.*

Even more potentially troubling is that there are some signals in the long range guidance that an upper level ridge of high pressure could build over the northeastern United States. Should this happen and we do see a pattern change that turns the mean eastern US trough into a mean eastern US high pressure ridge, it could guide any developing/intensifying tropical cyclones into the Caribbean, Bahamas, southeastern United States and Gulf of Mexico. This is something that is just a possibility right now, but it is ... being watched very closely.

Finally, history has shown that when tropical storms or hurricanes form in the area between the Lesser Antilles and the coast of Africa during June and July, like we have seen this year, it usually leads to an active hurricane season. ... This early season activity indicates that the environmental conditions will be favorable for tropical disturbances to develop as they push off of the coast of Africa during the peak of the hurricane season from August 15th to October 15th. So, as of now, we have had two tropical storms form already in the area between the Lesser Antilles and the coast of Africa and this *indicates to me that we are in for a more active than average Atlantic Hurricane season.*

According to [Colorado State University's Dr. Phil Klotzbach](#), there were 11 other years between 1851 and 2016 that saw two or more tropical cyclones form in the area between the Lesser Antilles and the coast of Africa prior to August 1st. Only one of these seasons (2013) was quiet. Four of those eleven years were among the most active hurricane seasons on record: 1887, 1926, 1933 and 2005.

All of this is not meant to scare you, but instead to steer you towards getting prepared for the rest of the 2017 Atlantic Hurricane Season. If you haven't restocked your hurricane preparedness kit, take this quiet period to do that. Prepare now to not be scared should a hurricane threaten or impact your area...

Important: Crown Weather offers a potent, reliable, but very inexpensive subscription service valuable to anyone who may at some point be in the path of tropical storms or hurricanes. If that's you, sign up with Crown asap... it could be exceptionally valuable to you, your family, and your business or professional practice. See

[www.crownweather.com](http://www.crownweather.com). -jmb

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## 2. "Today's SXM Weather" & Four Sources of Current SXM Weather Info

Check our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) each day for daily weather updates. You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com), and clicking either of the weather observations at the top of the page.

The four sources of current weather info, beyond the two above, are:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather" page at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) -- it has current satellite images and radar loops.
- 3) Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), which publishes the latest advisories, watches, and warnings when SXM is threatened by any storms.
- 4) On or off the island, listen to Island 92 -- 91.9FM or see [www.island92.com](http://www.island92.com). They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.

See significant National Hurricane Center Outlooks and Advisories as they relate both to SXM and to the US East and Gulf coasts on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

Get a quick, current satellite look at the Atlantic basin anytime: <http://www.goes.noaa.gov/GIFS/ATWV.JPG> .

N. B.: *Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.*

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## 3. Lowest Rates for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals Worldwide -- **Guaranteed**

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**SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Resorts, Timeshares, Villas Etc.**

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## 4. Protecting Timeshare Owners Without Gouging Them

In response to last week's article about huge retroactive timeshare fees being levied on Sapphire Resort timeshare owners, one very unhappy Sapphire owner wrote: "The retroactive billing is in addition to the HUGE assessment levied last year. And the increase for us is 71.4% in one year, the same as the retroactive fee they want. Where is the government now?"

As usual, the SXM government has remained mute. All it has said in the past is that it is looking at setting up a new bureaucracy, the Timeshare Authority, which some estimate could add a \$200/week cost to annual fees on every timeshare week owned on the Dutch Side. We strongly oppose that. There are far better ways to control and reign in abuses such as the one allegedly being forced on Sapphire timeshare owners *right now*.

To timeshare owners, a mute government is a government that does not care about their contribution to SXM's economy, which is huge. *The government needs to take creative, concrete action to protect timeshare owners -- not gouge them into oblivion by what is tantamount to a huge new tax levy.* Such a levy -- for the over-kill Timeshare Authority bureaucracy -- really could kill the goose that lays the golden eggs.

When will the government protect timeshare owners without gouging them?

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## 5. Go To Simpson Bay Resort's Owner Orientations

Simpson Bay timeshare owners should sit in on the Monday orientations there. Not only is the pastry delicious, but a surprise mystery guest will be there (in person or by video) and you might want to hear what he has to say and take a free brochure with you.

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## 6. Reserve Extra Vacation Days Easily On Our Site

In addition to offering hundreds of timeshare weeks for sale and for rent, the Timeshare page of our [EverythingSXM.com](http://EverythingSXM.com) website offers direct links to sources of additional days for timeshare renters.

In an increasing number of cases, people wish to fly midweek — or, in fact, any day but Saturday or Sunday, when the airport can be a bit hectic. Before buying fares for midweek travel — which are almost always lower in cost than weekend travel — timeshare owners may also need to reserve a few days at other resorts.

On our Timeshare page on [everythingxsm.com](http://everythingxsm.com), we now have links to daily rentals at Simpson Bay Resort, which offers a number of beautiful, newly renovated units through much of the year in convenient Simpson Bay. For those who prefer a smaller property, we also provide easy links to Baker's Suites in Simpson Bay which also just finished renovations. Simpson Bay Resort has restaurants on site and beaches on the property, while Baker's Suites has many restaurants nearby and is within walking distance of attractive beaches.

### SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

#### 7. "Section Three" -- Member Discounts / Benefits News & Updates

This section of *SXM Weekly News*, which appears weekly, will provide detailed information about current JMB Website Supporters discounts and benefits both for current members and for people thinking about joining JMB.

*We now offer about 300 discounts (including those now being rolled out). We think you'll find many surprises here that will be of great interest and value. Please check this section in the coming weeks when we roll out many entirely new discounts and benefits.*

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, click the links in the next article. Our PRIME Summertime Membership Sale ends very soon; see below for info.

### SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

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#### 8. SXM Weekly News Has Changed...

For those who missed it the last couple of weeks...

Three weeks ago we debuted a new format for *SXM Weekly News*. Here's what's new:



- We've switched to the first in a series of new mastheads, reflecting some of the most breathtaking scenes on SXM.
- Each newsletter section has been renamed to include all the types of news it covers. You'll find the new names both in the Table of Contents and atop each newsletter section.
- All news is in the first several stories in each section, getting the priority it deserves. Island features follow, then regular stories like "Restaurant of the Week." Features will appear as space allows; we hope to have two in most issues. This change should enable you to find stories you seek faster and more easily in every *SXM Weekly News* issue.
- Sponsor stories, delivering information of value to all readers, will usually be limited to two per issue. As you may know, SkyMed is our chief sponsor. SkyMed members "get home free" when they become critically ill or injured when traveling. *The story about SkyMed shows you why what they do is so important to you and your family.*
- After 40 years of spending time on SXM, we know a ton of useful stuff about the island -- way more than we can put here or on our site, [everythingxsm.com](http://everythingxsm.com). So we developed our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) which enables you to ask questions in real time, get or give answers, post pictures, and much more. *Even if you have never been interested in Facebook, this site will make it highly worthwhile.*
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## 9. Govt. May Reroute Traffic To Prevent Fence-Hugger Injuries...

In a move that has both astonished and bewildered St. Maarten tourists and residents alike, a Dutch Side official is examining closing Beacon Hill Road that runs from Maho to Alegria (formerly Caravanserai) Resort into the entire Beacon Hill residential / villa / condo community, and rerouting traffic into Simpson Bay where it would enter Beacon Hill from the vicinity of Bada Bing.

The proposal is in response to the death of a New Zealand tourist who was blown backwards by jet blast from a departing aircraft last week after being unable to hold onto the airport fence, on which there's a huge warning that jet blast can cause serious injury or death. It was the first jet blast death on the island, though many have been injured.

Traffic cannot be rerouted quickly. For one thing, part of the area where the traffic would go has only beach and no current road. Building a road there would be highly problematic since after hurricanes the road could be washed away, possibly stranding residents.

Worse, this would throw all Beacon Hill business and residential traffic into Simpson Bay, greatly worsening current traffic jams there.

The plan would call for the road to be for all practical purposes removed, the fence pushed farther away from the runway, and the curbs removed. That latter move would eliminate the problem of flying bodies slamming into curbs, causing injury. But it would cause beach sand to go everywhere in storms, including onto the runway. It could greatly hamper the ability of fire, police, and ambulances to access Alegria and all of Beacon Hill.

Businesses are already howling because of the effect it could have on cruise ship tourists --cabs would be hampered from getting them as close to the fence as possible.

Lastly, many responding wondered why the quick and "inept" knee-jerk reaction to one tragic death which is in such stark contrast to multiple tourist deaths by drowning each year on both the Dutch and French Sides of the island. "If deaths are so undesirable, why don't they require lifeguards on every beach? That could save several lives a year. This plan will likely save no lives while inconveniencing hundreds to thousands of people every day and screwing up the island economy in the process. It just doesn't make sense," one tourist said.

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## 10. Jewelry Store, Souvenir Shop Held Up

As Fall approaches, sometimes robbery rates seem to increase. This year it appears to have happened early.

From the St. Maarten police:

*On Monday July 17th at approximately 10.45 a.m. the Emergency Central Dispatch received a call of an ongoing armed robbery at **Divinity (sic) Jewelers** located on Front Street across from L'Escargot restaurant. Immediately several police patrols were sent to the scene to investigate what had taken place.*

*While approaching the scene three unknown men with their faces covered were seen running away from the scene. The police summoned these men to stop but they refused to do so. Several warning shots were then fired by police. One of the suspects surrendered while the other continued running away. This suspect was immediately arrested*

while a search for the other two continued. During the arrest of the suspect items stolen from the jewelry store were recovered. A vehicle which would probably be used as an escape vehicle was also confiscated.

The suspect was taken to the Philipsburg Police Station where he remains in custody for questioning. The search for the remaining suspects continues and the Police Department is asking anyone who may have information regarding this robbery to immediately get in contact with the Detective Department by call 54-22222 ext 213/214, the police anonymous tip line # 9300 or the Emergency Dispatch 911.

Alberto's Fashion was also robbed, according to sxm-talks.com. [Here is more.](#)

Here's [our advice](#) to stay safe in SXM -- or anywhere else.

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## 11. Gov't. Considering Tax on Liquor, Tobacco, & Sugary Drinks

They're looking to catch up with much of the world on this. The issue is that it would raise the price of liquor which will reduce sales to tourists and hurt some businesses. Here is [the story](#).

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## 12. Possibly Coming Next Door To AUC: Two 20-Story Buildings...

What do you think of the idea of two 20-story apartment/condominium towers going up in Cupecoy?

A source of island information which has been exceptionally reliable to us for many years tells us that land is now being cleared across the street from the Starz casino and in front of AUC, which is apparently the site of the two apartment/condominium towers. They are to be constructed, we are told, by the same organization that has built many apartments/condominiums off Jordan Road near the Caribbean International Academy and Summit Resort.

Although our source says the project already has been approved by VROMI, a unit of the Dutch side government, it has not been announced -- so approval may not yet have been granted.

We'll keep you posted. Please see the next article.

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## 13. ... Where Is the Infrastructure?

There appears to be nothing on the Dutch side resembling a zoning board in either the US or Canada.

Whenever any developer wants to build a commercial or residential structure in virtually any North American community, that developer must go before a board and prove that the project meets all zoning regulations and that any adverse community impacts would be mitigated. By law in many places, these meetings are open to the public, enabling people to learn about the projects and comment about them.

There doesn't appear to be anything like that in SXM. In some cases, projects appear to go before government officials in secret and are only announced after they are a *fait accompli*.

Three cases in point: first, the large condominium project that was originally expected to be constructed behind Shore Pointe condominiums, on land where a slave wall was discovered. For whatever reason, that project has stalled.

Second, the infamous Pearl of China project, a 776 room colossus that apparently would consist mostly of apartments for Chinese hemispheric salespeople. It was originally slated to go on Bel Air beach but didn't meet requirements for that property. Government ministers then said perhaps it should go on Mullet Bay beach, which would likely ruin one of the favorite relaxation spots for people from both sides of the island. The latest news, published here a few weeks ago, was that project backers were looking at Cupecoy beach itself, known for its remarkable sandstone cliffs which could well crumble during construction or after. We still hope that project never happens; many people believe it will contribute nothing to SXM's tourist economy.

Third, the two 20-story towers covered in the preceding story. As if the plan to close current access to Beacon Hill through Beacon Hill Rd. wouldn't screw up traffic enough, this plan could put perhaps thousands of additional cars onto the narrow two-lane road that goes from Cupecoy to the airport — a sure prescription for gridlock.

*SXM Weekly News believes it's essential that infrastructure be fully capable of handling the increased traffic which will inevitably result from all this development -- should it actually happen. Effective government guardianship of the infrastructure means that roads must be seriously improved, the long-planned expansion of SXM Airport must be expedited, and more. There are no real estate taxes on SXM -- perhaps it's time that be considered on properties worth in excess of a certain amount. And SXM must prioritize a \$20-million annual promotional budget -- like Aruba. With that much promotion, it will have lots of tourists and all the funding it needs to make certain that infrastructure keeps pace.*

Otherwise, SXM has a good shot of being known not as the Friendly island, but as the Gridlock island if all this development proceeds - not a good thing.

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## 14. French Side Meets About Stinky Seaweed

As we reported last week, for a time ferries to Pinel island had to be shut down because of the exceptionally large amount of seaweed at the ferry terminal in Cul-de-Sac. The Pinel island beach itself was unaffected by seaweed, but the boats couldn't operate out of Cul-de-Sac because of seaweed there.

The French Side government met to discuss this and is working on advanced solutions, beyond what it has been doing since 2015 when the problem initially got serious.

More [is here](#).

Sargassum seaweed from the Sargasso Sea, far North of SXM. Changing ocean conditions, blamed by some people upon climate change, have caused millions of tons of Sargassum to be washed over a wide swath of sea, affecting the US Gulf Coast through Texas and into Mexico, and much of the Caribbean.

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## 15. Dutch Side Signs MOU for Trash to Energy Plant

St. Maarten and Aruba share many things, the most ignominious of which is a large dump that sometimes catches fire. It has been the source of massive complaints in SXM, since cruise ship passengers see it upon arrival.

In recent years, many have suggested a trash to energy project which would slowly eliminate Trash Mountain and general electricity. Now, the island is moving in that direction: here's [the story](#).

No details were provided about the size of a plant, when construction might begin, or when the plant might enter service, Nor was there any information on how its services would become aligned with GEBE, the "current" power company.

By the way, GEBE suffered another blackout several days ago....

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## 16. Air France in Rough, Stomach-Jarring Takeoff

Airplanes are designed to withstand heavy turbulence, and flight crews are trained to handle it.

Nonetheless, turbulence rocked an Air France flight last week as it departed SXM Airport. It was taped by the airport webcam. We posted the video on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). See it [here](#).

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## 17. Spiga Closes for Vacation Until 9/28

One of our favorite restaurants, Spiga in Grand Case, has closed for its annual vacation. It reopens on September 28.

By all means take a look at their website, [www.Spiga-sxm.com](http://www.Spiga-sxm.com), but we warn you — you'll be hungry.

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## 18. Sublime at Summit, Spartaco at OBBR

As we've reported, Sublime Restaurant opened on the Summit Resort pool deck several weeks back — and we continue to receive rave reviews from those who have tried it.

Open to the public, the restaurant appears well worth your time in SXM.

To get there... drive from Mullet Bay toward Cupecoy, and you'll find Jordan Road -- a sharp right turn at the top of the hill before you descend toward Sapphire Resort. Follow Jordan until you see the gate at Summit Resort. If space allows, park in their lot and walk to Sublime on the pool deck.

If you're an old hand at SXM, you may have heard of Spartaco, a rather spectacular restaurant in Almond Grove that went out of business years ago.

Now, Oyster Bay Beach Resort General Manager Ricardo Perez has recruited Spartaco to run Infinity Restaurant at his resort. Spartaco has been there for months and his restaurant is getting rave reviews.

Whether you are a guest at Oyster Bay or simply want to try something new, give Spartaco's Infinity a try.

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## 19. What Happened to Don in SXM?

Like the rest of us, Don and Mary Beth, from Rhode Island, love St. Maarten. During their visit to the island a year ago, Don fell and broke his hip. Only a month earlier, after reading our hounding messages about SkyMed in *SXM Weekly News*, Don and Mary Beth had elected to buy a SkyMed membership — just in case.

Hit with a broken hip in SXM and not wanting surgery where his health insurance didn't work far from home, Don and Mary Beth called SkyMed.

SkyMed made all necessary arrangements for Don's medical evacuation. That included the ambulance from St. Maarten Medical Center to SXM Airport; the medical evacuation jet and its crew, including a medical attendant to care for Don during the private jet flight home; and another ambulance at the destination airport, which was waiting for Don upon arrival to take him to the hospital. There, a bed was waiting for him and a team had his medical records and was ready to take care of him, thanks to SkyMed assuring those records were properly transferred.

The medical evacuation took place with military precision — as usual. And neither Don nor Mary Beth had to pay anything out-of-pocket for the evacuation — all arrangements were made by and paid by SkyMed itself. (SkyMed never has any claim forms, prepayments, reimbursements, etc. — they always make and pay for all medical evacuation arrangements.)

The cost to Don and Mary Beth for their medical evacuation: \$0.

SkyMed picked up the entire cost — about \$35,000. Without SkyMed, that full cost would have to be paid in cash in advance had Don and Mary Beth not been SkyMed members — and they would've had to make all the arrangements themselves. Since St. Maarten is a foreign country, SkyMed also took care of Customs & Immigration arrangements.

Get SkyMed before you need it. Get your questions answered now; call Jeff Berger at 508-747-8281 any weekday during normal business hours; you can also call during the day on Saturday and Sunday and leave a message. Jeff will be happy to answer your questions and when you're ready to get protected, he can help set it up by phone, too.

## 20. SXM-Based "Below Deck" Premieres on Bravo 9/5

The latest installments of Below Deck Caribbean, Bravo's hit series about yacht crew interactions "below deck," returns to the air September 5 on Bravo. Capt. Lee is still in charge, some of the same crewmembers are aboard, others are new.

As was the case during the first year this series aired, it was filmed largely in St. Martin / Sint Maarten. At one point there was a crew party in Topper's main dining room and Topper was on hand during shooting. Should be interesting.

The boat used in the series was moored at the yacht club in downtown Marigot. We're looking forward to 9/5.

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## 21. Now: Just \$59/month for SkyMed's Best Medevac Protection

How about SkyMed for \$59 a month for your family?

You probably know by now that SkyMed medical evacuation programs protect your pocketbook and your health when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. They protect your health because SkyMed takes you home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill while traveling. They protect your pocketbook by making it unnecessary for you to pay for a medical evacuation in cash in advance — which is the only way to get this level of protection without being a SkyMed member.

Those out-of-pocket costs are huge: upwards of \$45,000 in many cases, and often far more. Now, you can get a five year SkyMed Ultimate membership and pay for it monthly at just \$59 per month for your family, which makes it easily affordable to practically anyone (even retirees and AUC students).

Of course, if you prefer, you can prepay for five years at the sharply reduced rate of \$2495. for JMB members. When you apply, you can get a 10 year price guarantee as well simply by noting on the application that you want an automatic renewal. That's the equivalent of paying \$499 per year for 10 years — an extraordinary price guarantee in times that are tumultuous politically worldwide.

You can also pay the \$59 a month to start for a month or so then convert to the prepaid Ultimate membership to grab those prepayment savings. For more, call Jeff Berger at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only). He can answer all your questions and help you get signed up.

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## 22. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants: Story #32

Over the years, St. Maarten/St. Martin has been home to many restaurants of varying descriptions. This series briefly describes a number of restaurants from both sides of the island that have passed into history but have not left our memory.

We don't recall its exact name, but The Deli at Mullet Bay Beach Resort was fantastic. We were at MBBR in 1978 with New England Life and lunch one day was at the deli. I remember the choice of Big Fresser or Little Fresser Jewish corned beef sandwiches. For years I thought "Fresser" simply referred to the size of the sandwiches, but I was wrong: Big Fresser means big eater (to phrase it nicely). Anyway, they were delicious -- and we reiterate



(again) that *SXM truly needs a top-class real Jewish deli*.

Readers - What's Your Suggestion? We're looking for your suggestions about other restaurants; let us know your past-era SXM favorites so we can feature your complete reviews. Email your suggestions with detailed information please to [susan@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "Look Back." **Please be sure to include as many details as you can; you may well be the sole source of info for a future column.** Do check below first -- we've already featured over two dozen former SXM restaurants.

Check next week for another article about another former SXM restaurant.

Featured so far in this series (D=Dutch F= French):

- 1- West Indian Tavern D
- 2- Sam's Place D
- 3- Turtle Pier D
- 4- Scavenger's D
- 5- Surf Club South F
- 6- Laguna D
- 7- Le Perroquet D
- 8- Ric's Place D
- 9- La Raviolina F
- 10 - Da Livio D
- 11 - La Gondola D
- 12 - L'Alabama F
- 13 - Andy & Cheryl's F
- 14 - La Calanque F
- 15 - La Diva F
- 16 - Antoine D
- 17 - Sambuca D
- 18 - Peg Leg Pub & Steakhouse D
- 19 - Tutta Pasta D
- 20 - Wendy's (D)
- 21 - Risdon's Drive-In (D?)
- 22 - Dawn Beach Hotel Restaurant (D)
- 23 - Paradise Cafe (Contributed by Laurence Aiello) (D)
- 24 - Callaloo (D)
- 25 - Mario's Bistrot (Marigot) F (updated name and moved to Dutch Side, D)
- 26 - Pinocchio's (D)
- 27 - Cugini (French Side) (F)
- 28 - Zachary's (D)
- 29 - Sweet Tooth (D)
- 30 - Saratoga (D)
- 31 - Frigate (D)
- 32 - The Deli at Mullet Bay Beach Resort (D)

Note: You can read about all of these past restaurants by checking back issues of *SXM Weekly News* on our PDF archives page. A link to it is near the beginning of this issue.

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## 23. Restaurant of the Week

This feature returns soon. In the meantime, see previously covered restaurants below. You can find our reviews of them in our [SXM Weekly News Adobe PDF Archives](#).

The article we published about SXM's Top Seafood Restaurants is on its own page on our website — see a complete list of [top seafood restaurants here](#).

The article we published about SXM's Top Italian Restaurants is on its own page on our website -- see SXM's [top Italian restaurants here](#).

And we recently updated our SXM dining page on [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) -- check it now, and again before you go.

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Big Fish Restaurant [www.bigfishsxm.com/](http://www.bigfishsxm.com/) (featured 5/1/17)  
IZI Ristorante Italiano, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 3/6/17)  
Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 6/5/17)  
Isola Ristorante Italiano (featured 5/29/17)  
Avantika Thai [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 2/6/17; added 2/17)  
Canoa, [www.canoasxm.com](http://www.canoasxm.com) (featured 4/10/17)  
Mario Bistro [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.com/en/) 3/13/17  
SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 7/17/17)  
Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16)  
Daniel's By The Sea, [www.dawnbeachsxm.com](http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com) (featured 3/25/17)  
La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 1/30/17; added 1/17)  
Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16)  
Spiga, [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 5/21/17)  
The Boathouse, <https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777> 10/3/16  
The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16)  
Stone Restaurant, [www.thestonerestaurant.com](http://www.thestonerestaurant.com) (featured 9/2/14)  
Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17)  
Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 7/6/15)  
Temptation, <http://www.temptation-sxm.com/> (featured 7/5/17)  
Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 7/10/17)  
Mr. Busby's Beach Bar <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/26/17)  
Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/19/17)  
Pineapple Pete, [www.pineapplepete.com](http://www.pineapplepete.com) (featured 9/19/16)  
Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16)  
Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach; follow the car path the turn near Shore Pointe to get there). (featured 4/17/2017)  
FIG, Maho complex at Le Terasse  
St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge  
Jimbo's, [www.jimboscafe.com](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 6/12/17)  
Vesna Taverna, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 1/9/17)  
Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/27/17)  
Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15)  
Bylbos, Simpson Bay  
Sushiitto Japanese Restaurant, Port de Plaisance <https://www.facebook.com/sushiitto.sxm> (featured 2/13/17)

## 24. Enter Our SXM Summertime Vacation Giveaway

Our Summertime SXM vacation giveaway is underway and you can now enter. *SXM Weekly News* readers (NOT pass-along readers) can enter up to 10 times per subscribed email address. The drawing will be late in October, 2017. Here is our current prize list. Since this giveaway promotes non high-season visits to SXM, most of these vacations are yours from mid April to mid December, 2018. All vacations are subject to availability.

- an 8-day, 7-night vacation at La Vista Resort, May through December 2018.
- a 5 night stay (based upon availability April 10-Dec 18, 2018) in an ocean front room at the Westin St Maarten Dawn Beach Resort, Spa, and Casino.
- a 4-day, 3-night stay at the beautiful Oyster Bay Beach Resort.
- Dinner for Two at Davide Foini's legendary IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay (One winner)
- Dinner for Two at Marco Ferrante's Isola Ristorante Italiano next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort. (One winner)
- Dinner for Two at Spiga, the highly acclaimed Italian Restaurant in Grand Case. (One winner.)

More may be coming.

Enter here: [http://everythingxm.com/sxm/getting\\_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml](http://everythingxm.com/sxm/getting_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml)

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## 25. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

Look here for our PDF archives: [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free\\_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml). Most issues for the past few years are now online.

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## 26. Traveling This Fall? "Beat" SkyMed's 90-day Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion

On its annual and multiyear memberships, SkyMed, the medical evacuation membership company, has a 90 day exclusion on pre-existing conditions; after that, they're covered in full. To solve this issue, simply obtain your SkyMed membership more than 90 days ahead of the date your vacation begins. Jeff can answer all your SkyMed questions and can help you through the brief application process and even submit your application electronically. There is no upper age limit to apply, and pre-existing conditions should not deter you from applying either. Going to SXM or anywhere else in October, November, or December? See [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com) for more information or call Jeff directly weekdays during normal East Coast business hours at 508-747-8281. (SkyMed calls only.) You can learn more about SkyMed online as well at [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com). Email [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com).

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## 27. Answers to Your SkyMed Medevac Questions

We've divided this article into a few sections. They are:

- About SkyMed
- Types of SkyMed Memberships
- Ten-Year Price Guarantee on New Five-Year "Ultimate" Memberships**
- Best Bang for the Buck
- JMB SkyMed Bonus
- Answers to a Frequently Asked Question
- Detailed Features of SkyMed Memberships & Detailed FAQ
- Contact Jeff About SkyMed

About SkyMed:

What SkyMed Does: SkyMed *Takes You Home*® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. *SkyMed is your free ticket home aboard an ICU-equivalent emergency medical evacuation jet with an ICU-certified medical attendant on board to help make sure everything goes as it should.*

How SkyMed Works: Like clockwork, you're taken from the hospital by ambulance to a waiting aircraft at SkyMed's expense; SkyMed makes all the arrangements and pays all costs for the medical evacuation jet and for the ambulance at the destination which takes you to a waiting team at your destination hospital, which already has your medical records and is ready to start helping you. There are no co-pays, no reimbursements, and no deductibles for SkyMed services, ever. SkyMed arranges everything and pays for all the services it provides.

*Anything can happen — but you can trust SkyMed to take you home when you need it most.*

What's It Cost? *Without* SkyMed, you'll need \$45,000 or more payable in cash in advance to pay for an emergency medical evacuation — if you can make the dozens of calls necessary to set it up in an emergency. SkyMed does all that for you, for a small membership fee; you simply make one phone call 24/7/365 to get things going.

Why Buy Now? We're offering SkyMed now at very special pricing *for JMB Website Supporters members only — but if you're a nonmember and care to join SkyMed now through us*, we'll enroll you in JMB Website Supporters at the same time (five-year SkyMed memberships only). This offer is available only by phone; email [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com) and give Jeff your phone number so he can call you. He'll be happy to answer your questions, tell you about the different types of programs available, and their respective costs. He'll also be happy to

fill out your application for an annual or multiyear SkyMed membership by phone and at the same time you can set up a JMB Website Supporters membership (required to get the biggest multiyear SkyMed discounts). Americans, Canadians, and ExPats only.

See [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com) or email Jeff at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com) (use the subject "SkyMed inquiry") to learn more and get your questions answered.

## Types of SkyMed Memberships:

First, short term memberships are for brief trips in North America, the Caribbean, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and Mexico -- over 30 countries total. Short-term memberships are very inexpensive, about \$9 per day per person, maximum of about \$15 per day per family. *The disadvantage is that they only cover you for the short term you are traveling: when they expire, your protection disappears, and when you're ready to travel again, you must reapply for a new short-term membership. The process is quick, but **you still must be medically approved** and at some point, that may be impossible. Bear in mind that many people travel more than once or twice a year, even if it's only a few hundred miles from home. We recommend annual or multiyear SkyMed memberships instead of short-term memberships when you make multiple trips because the cost is about equal. More important, **annual and multiyear memberships are guaranteed renewable regardless of changes in your health or advancing age.** You do not want your protection to end just when you may need it most.*

Second, both annual and multiyear SkyMed memberships are essentially permanent coverage. Once you've been approved and as long as you continue to pay your membership fee on time, **your membership cannot be cancelled as a result of advancing age or declining health** — two critically important advantages that ensure you have coverage when you may need it most.

Third, Ultimate memberships cover multiple years and provide protection worldwide. The only exceptions are places like Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, North Korea — places you won't visit anyway. (Ask before going anywhere dangerous/unusual.) Ultimate memberships also offer the greatest breadth of coverage. You can see a complete list of all the features and benefits of these coverages [here](#).

Fourth, if you're an American or Canadian ex-pat living in St. Maarten / St. Martin or elsewhere outside your country for six months or more per year, you can still get SkyMed protection in the form of an **ex-pat** membership. Email us (see next paragraph) and we can tell you how it works and answer your questions.

In addition to everything else, Jeff Berger has been a SkyMed rep -- and now a SkyMed Ambassador -- for over 15 years. He'll be happy to answer questions; email him at [Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com](mailto:Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com). He generally returns messages within 24 hours, weekdays. To see [online frequently asked questions, go here](#). You can also see his SkyMed site at [www.GetSkyMed.com](http://www.GetSkyMed.com).

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New JMB memberships: Three years, \$89; Five years, \$109 Sale Prices Other durations available.  
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Renewal JMB memberships: Five years, \$109. Other durations available.  
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<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinststate/index.shtml>

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SkyMed is now offering a remarkable 10 year price guarantee on its best memberships, the SkyMed five-year Ultimate. SkyMed ultimate memberships cost only \$499 per year when you pay for their full five year duration at inception. When applying, if you indicate on the application that you want to renew automatically, that renewal will be charged at the same \$499/year rate (prepaid for five years at \$2495) that you had paid *for the full five year new membership at its inception.* All SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships are guaranteed renewable regardless of health or attained age: *this ten-year price guarantee is remarkable especially considering what you get: see the details [here](#).*

The best way to get your questions answered is to call Jeff directly on his SkyMed line, 508-747-8281. He can also take your application by phone and send it to SkyMed electronically. Most applications are processed within a few

business days. Get it today, before you need it — make your next trip worry-free.

## Best Bang for the Buck

SkyMed's biggest bang for the buck comes in its five year Ultimate memberships, which offer the broadest selection of benefits and features of any SkyMed membership as well as the lowest price per day of any membership — roughly \$1.30, or \$499 yearly total for your family when you pay for the five-year term at inception.

JMB SkyMed Bonus: Now, when you purchase a SkyMed five-year Ultimate through us either by phone or by visiting [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com), notify us as soon as you receive SkyMed's letter of acceptance and we'll extend your current JMB membership by five full years on us. (JMB members only.) If you're not a JMB Website Supporters member, join now — the savings for our members on all Multiyear SkyMed memberships are very, very substantial.

Answers to a Frequently Asked Question:

What's the upper age limit to join SkyMed? There isn't any: apply today regardless of age.

What's the upper age limit to renew your existing SkyMed membership? *There isn't any.* Just pay your SkyMed renewal on time and your membership will continue regardless of your health or age at the time of your renewal. There is no membership cutoff for advancing age or declining health, unlike so-called competitive programs. *And the price of your renewal membership will not increase due to declining health or advancing age.* We know we repeat this... we do it for very good reason.

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And you'll find Frequently Asked Questions here:  
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Contact Jeff About SkyMed:

He'll be happy to answer questions; email him at [Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com](mailto:Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com). He generally returns messages within 24 hours, weekdays. You can also phone him, about SkyMed only, at 508-747-8281 during normal business hours, Eastern time.

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**More benefits... same price.**

Ask Jeff for details -- see preceding article.

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28. ... Plus The SkyMed JMB Membership Bonus -- and More Info...

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Renewal JMB memberships: Five years, \$109. Other durations available.  
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<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

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